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Most housewives like a change from their own cooking; most husbands do also.

Income tax payments may serve as a handy guide for surgeons in making out their bills.

Baseball umpires were first introduced in 1879 and necessity shortly mothered the invention of pop bottles.

A press dispatch says, Harvard freshmen who have already been hazed are heartily in favor of hazing.

A Maryland man reports the disappearance of his wife, who weighs 210 pounds. Probably another trunk mystery.

Blind peddler tried to sell socks to a legless jeweler of Andarko, Okla., and was offered a pair of spectacles in trade.

J. P. Ball is justice of the peace and B. F. Cain is constable at Myrtle Springs, Tex. Evil-doers should beware of Ball and Cain.

"Women can never by any power of education arrive at the same mental status as men," said Rev. Knox-Little. Knocks-Much, we should name him.

Our private statistician estimates that 987,654,321 hours a day are devoted to cross-word puzzles by more or less feeble-minded persons.

After waiting twenty years for her absent husband to return, a Maine woman seeks a divorce. Some people are so impatient.

Bank cashier confessed to stealing \$40,000, but pleaded that he used the money to aid needy friends. Strange to say, several of them were chorus girls.

After being divorced twice, a Kentucky couple have been married the third time. The other two nuptial knots weren't even half-hitches.

One prominent uplifter declares the trouble with modern life is "the heresy of the hypothetical." Really, we hadn't thought it was that bad.

The mother of Pennsylvania's prize litter of fifteen pigs is named "Petroleum Girl," yet there was no scandal connected with her performance.

A prosperous English club is maintained by fines assessed against members when they swear. There is also a Dam Club at Wilson Dam, Ala.

Boston man wants injunction to prevent publishing his income tax return. Now people are curious about it and some enterprising reporter will probably satisfy their curiosity.

Three women jurors became hysterical when told that they would be locked up until a verdict was reached. Must have been a swell party scheduled.

It is said that to be divorced in Russia a man and his wife only have to agree. But if they could agree they probably wouldn't want a divorce.

Seventy-four years married and never a quarrel, is the boast of a Nebraska couple. Strangely enough neither is deaf and dumb.

Carl Enna, son of a Kansas City railroad laborer, graduated from ward school with high honors at the age of 9 and is a high school freshman at 10.

We nominate Andrew Peterson, of Johannesburg as South Africa's most useful citizen. On his 112th birthday he tackled a wife-beater and knocked him down.

A WARNING FROM LOS ANGELES.

We would urge upon our readers to heed the fact that we are now in the "bad cold" season, and not to look too lightly upon these common ailments. Health authorities in Los Angeles are still battling a terrible epidemic of pneumonia that started some weeks ago, and in which the death rate is declared to have been 25 out of the 30 people who came in contact with the first victim. It is a violent form of the disease, but is declared to have originated from an ordinary cold. There are a thousand cures, and as many remedies suggested—that do not cure, and everyone has his or her own favorite brand. But, regardless of what you take for a cold, or what method you use in treating one, be sure that you give the first symptoms the attention deserved—don't let a cold go, or figure that you can "wear it out." This particularly applies to the children of the family. They should have attention at the outset, instead of being allowed to attend school and run about the neighborhood while suffering from an ailment that can be cured, usually, overnight if properly attended to. We want to go through the winter with a community 100 per cent healthy—and watching closely for coughs and colds is one good way to do it.

THANKSGIVING SEASON

Time is turning back the pages of memory at this season, and once more we are brought into an atmosphere such as surrounded our Puritan Fathers when they saw the wisdom of returning to a kindly Providence their manifold thanks for the blessings that had been showered upon them. As they came through storm and stress, even so have many of our own people passed through trying times within the year now drawing to a close. But just as they were safely landed and the riches of the land laid out before them, for their benefit if they would but labor and bring forth crops, even so we find ourselves surrounded by opportunities behind which are hidden rich blessings if we will but strive for them.

We speak for all America in general when we assert that there is living today none but who can lay some honest claim to happiness at some time during the year. And so long as there remains even one ray of happiness, there remains one thing to be thankful for. Sorrows have come to many of us, just as sorrows will come to others in the years ahead. But always they were tempered with sunshine, or with a promise that keeps us looking happily ahead. As a whole no nation has been more blessed, no people have lived their lives more unselfishly and, by reason of so living, more happily. We have been blessed as a nation and as a people. We have harvested well, and no dark shadow of disease or epidemic has hovered above our homes. We have grown stronger in our love of our friends and our neighbors, we have passed, each of us, another milestone of a road rich with experience.

The season of Thanksgiving is here, and each and every heart must, upon reflection, feel that surely there has been much within the year for which to be thankful. We have but to glimpse the dark picture of pioneer days, we have but to lend an ear to the cries which come from across the seas to assure us that as a people we have been blessed far beyond our own feeble ability to repay.

Mindful of the One who has made these blessings possible, let us be thankful not alone for that which has been bestowed upon us, but for the bright promise we face as we start again through the winter months. Let us depart with the same hand that has blessed us through the year find us meriting the blessings bestowed upon us, that each year will find us justifying the hope placed in us by our fellowmen.

A FOOLISH LAW REPULSED.

At the last session of Congress someone slipped through a law that promises to prove about the biggest nuisance that this country has ever had to contend with. Without the public knowing much about it, a certain gang of politicians, hoping to make capital at the November election, shoved through a law whereby income tax statements were to be thrown open to the public. And the worst part of it is the law actually went into effect.

In small towns it doesn't mean so very much, because our people are too busy attending to their own business to go prying into the affairs of their neighbors. But in many of the larger towns and cities the law opened a way for sharks and alleged credit men and stock salesmen to reap a harvest. By looking at the income tax returns they were able to save a lot of unnecessary canvassing—they could tell exactly what a man is earning or exactly what source of revenue he has coming in, and how much it amounts to each year. And then they got busy accordingly. It is said that in one town a wife sought out her husband's tax rating to see how much alimony she could ask for if she sued him for divorce.

It is good to know that the very gang that was responsible for the law was beaten at its own game. Immediate steps are to be taken to correct the measure. No honest man objects to having his tax returns known to the proper officials. But when they are opened to a lot of sharks, who only want to pry into his private affairs so they can prey upon him, it's all wrong. And this is not the kind of country that tolerates foolish legislation.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND IT.

Bank statements are published several times a year, as required by law, and are fairly understandable to the average business man, but mean little to the rank and file of depositors.

In order that its customers and the public may know the condition of the institution, a leading New York bank publishes an advertisement which it calls "a bank statement that any man or woman can understand." The manner in which the various items are shown, with a clear explanation of each, is such that anyone can readily comprehend what they mean.

This is a most commendable and interesting innovation and might well be followed by others. Many official statements published by city, county and State authorities, while they comply with the law, give the average taxpayer very little real information regarding how his tax money is being spent. A little common sense explanation of the various items would not take up much space and would mean a great deal to the public.

DON'T GET EXCITED.

We've recently read several articles to the effect that the country is about to enter a boom period, although none of the articles give any specific reason for such belief. We hope it is true, so long as it is not the kind of boom that gives us great prosperity for a few months and then leaves the country in worse shape than it was before. Too many people, and we have some of them here, cannot realize that all boom periods are of short duration. They commence to find money coming in more plentifully, and they take it for granted that it is always going to come easy. As a result the boom ceases off and they haven't anything to show for it. This is a good time to work hard and get your share of whatever prosperity is going around, but while you are at it it is also a good idea to save a little of it away for the winter with a community 100 per cent healthy—and watching closely for coughs and colds is one good way to do it.

A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT.

The Echo has little patience with the maudlin sympathy bestowed on criminals by persons of the so-called sister type, still it is difficult to resist a feeling of compassion for G. H. Gilpatrick, of Connecticut, who began a fifteen-year sentence in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta last week.

He was convicted of defalcations in connection with his management of a bank, and while we have not the details of the crime, it is assumed that he deserved the sentence. But that is not all.

When his dishonesty was discovered, he added to the misery of his situation by shooting himself, but failed in the attempted suicide, the bullet putting out the sight of both eyes. Blind and still under treatment, he now enters upon his prison term.

Gilpatrick was formerly state treasurer and a respected banker of his community. Now, disgraced and disabled—a blind convict. Even though he brought his troubles upon himself, it seems that his punishment is of unusual severity and his plight about as hopeless as could be imagined.

Will his terrible fate serve as a warning and a deterrent to others who may be near the whirlpool's brink?

LAMP POST WARNINGS.

Signs on lamp posts to mark the places where persons have been killed in automobile accidents are proposed by the safety commission of Chicago, the signs to bear the inscription: "One was killed there." While any plan which might tend to lessen the fatalities from automobile accidents is commendable, the practical value of the Chicago idea is open to question.

Those who drive without regard for life or limb would hardly be influenced by such signs, even if they saw them, and careful drivers do not need them. They would have a depressing effect on many persons, especially the relatives and friends of victims.

There should be means of accomplishing the desired result without resorting to such funeral reminders.

PROGRESS IN HOLY LAND.

Some interesting facts concerning developments in Palestine are given in a recent report of the American consul at Jerusalem, in which well known biblical localities figure. Plans are being made for harnessing the River Jordan to provide hydro electric power, and the level of the Sea of Galilee will be raised several feet, the Jordan to be used as a canal connecting it with the Dead Sea.

In this region will also be a great irrigation project and 2,000 miles of motor highways. Agricultural banks are contemplated, and there will be a commercial air route from Bagdad to Cairo, traversing Syria.

FLORIDA INVITES CAPITAL.

By a constitutional amendment, Florida has declared that no income or inheritance taxes shall ever be levied by that State. This is a direct and practical bid for the investment of outside capital and for the location within her borders of wealthy people as permanent residents.

The attractiveness of the proposition to capitalists is greater than the inducement of exemption from the taxes named. It lies in the expressed friendly attitude of the State towards property and wealth.

In some States, like in Mississippi, the antagonism to large business interests has been so great as to discourage development of natural resources and it will not be surprising if capital gives greater attention to Florida because of its recent action.

A DISTINGUISHED CHURCH VISITOR TODAY

Bay St. Louis Catholics and the city in general will welcome with more than ordinary interest the visit of the Most Rev. Bishop Richard Oliver Gerow, newly appointed Bishop of Natchez for the diocese of Mississippi, who comes here on his first official visit.

Arriving from the east, he will be met at the depot by a delegation of citizens. He will be guest at the home of the local pastor, where, in the open, he will receive the people congregated there and informally deliver a short address. On the following morning he will officiate at 10 o'clock mass at the Church of Our Lady of the Gulf, to which the public is invited, and at 8 o'clock Sunday night he will be given a public reception at St. Stanislaus College. Bishop Gerow, a native of Mobile, successor of the late Bishop Gunn, will come finding a warm welcome and the occasion will be marked by a reception on every side of the most cordial kind. Both as a head of the church and as a private citizen the Bishop will be received with a warmth of spirit and hospitality of the heart that will make the occasion one well worthy of all the consideration possible due the occasion.

NEWER NEW ORLEANS.

Visitors to New Orleans need not have their attention called to the fact New Orleans is undergoing a metamorphosis from the old to the new. The business section of late has witnessed the construction of notable buildings, of the newer and better type, adding to the metropolitan mien of the city on the Mississippi. Buildings of the sky-scraper type, replacing smaller and less pretentious ones, have come into existence within a comparatively recent time, and of these none the least are the bank buildings. At present the Roosevelt Hotel and office building, almost within a stone's throw, are in course of construction. On the Jesuit Church corner a million-dollar office building is to replace the present school property, and again, near by, two large theatre buildings are to rise from the ground. The first Lowe's State Theatre and later Saenger's Million Dollar Canal Street Theatre. These are taking the place of older buildings and are the few that come to mind at random thought. In all there is evidence on every side of greater building for Greater New Orleans, and the prosperity that has come to the Crescent City is significant and worthy of mention. Building along the \$20,000,000 Industrial Canal of new industries are noted.

We on the Gulf Coast, not only from a selfish point of view, note this phase of the city's change with more than ordinary concern, for there are many ties that bind. The success of one means that of the other. We look forward with anticipation to the day when the Coast will be directly linked with New Orleans not only with bands of steel over-ground and threads of steel over-head, but with a solid roadway when and where one may go to and fro at will, free of toll.

FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

The call for Thanksgiving baskets for the poor comes from the organized women of Bay St. Louis, and that the call is heeded and will be learned with a sense of more than ordinary gratification. There will be a "pound party" at the Bay-Wave Land Yacht Club next Monday night, and all who will should make an effort to contribute their "pound" of whatever they may wish in order the baskets for Thanksgiving may be bountifully filled and in turn the hearts of the needy and depressed filled with joy and benediction. It is only a small demand and the result so large that one feels he or she would wish to be part of the consideration.

The Echo learns with further interest the same band of ladies and their friends will follow the Thanksgiving basket with a community Christmas tree. Such activities speak well for the people who inhabit and make a community. Such spirit of unselfishness thus manifested is in itself a blessing greatly to be desired.

No swifter justice has been recorded than that which overtook Early Hale, a 28-year-old white man, near Florence, Ala., on Armistice Day. He is reported to have been drinking, and without cause attacked an aged negro in a field, first shooting him with a shotgun and then using the weapon as a club, killing the negro on the spot. As he struck the final blow, the other barrel of the gun was discharged. Considerable expense was thus saved to the county.

Figures compiled by the nation's greatest bank show that the total wealth of the United States is now \$20 billion. Bank deposits have increased from 18 billion to 46 billion in the last 24 years. With improved conditions in Europe and a continuation of American progress in all directions, we may expect the coming ten years to show even greater material advancement. We are living in a wonderful age, despite the gloomies which sigh for the good old days.

Sam Harley, of Washington, D. C., when informed by telephone that a triplets had been born to his wife, came up the river to see the group and has not been heard from since.

THE FRATERNAL SPIRIT

In spite of the framings of mankind, his hypocrisy, meanness and greed have before our eyes by the daily press, the great majority of humanity are striving for better things.

Especially marked is the growth of the fraternal spirit, as exemplified by our lodges, business men's clubs, women's societies, the Boy Scouts, and an endless number of worthy and helpful organizations.

The spirit of fellowship is beautifully described by Henry Van Dyke in the following words:

"If I can feel sympathy—feel it within and without—then the dew falls and the desert begins to blossom. By sympathy I do not mean merely a fellowship in sorrow, but also, and no less truly, a fellowship in joy. To be glad when your brother men are prosperous and happy, to rejoice in their success, to cheer for their victories, to be compassionate and pitiful when your brother men are distressed and miserable, to grieve over their failures, to help them in their troubles—this is the fraternal spirit, which blesses him who exercises it, and those toward whom it is exercised."

WORKING CHILDREN.

We read a good deal of unnecessary "sob stuff" these days about child labor, and now comes a proposal from an Eastern organization that a new amendment be adopted to the Constitution to prohibit working children. Those favoring it seem to believe that multitudes of small tots are sweating in the mines and fields and about machinery, and the opponents, mostly farm organizations, argue that it is a scheme to deprive the farm of its youthful help. So far as we see conditions both sides are exaggerating. We see children working, and yet have our first time to note any indication of "slavery" or cruelty or brutality on the part of those for whom they work. We want them to have an opportunity to get an education, of course. But there is no reason why they should not attend to small tasks during the time they would otherwise be idling. The child-labor argument looks very much like another attempt to foist a new "bureau" on the government, with a lot of fat jobs up at Washington—and the money coming out of taxpayers' pockets to pay the salaries.

DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

According to a report compiled from a survey of ten million American school children, it appears that about 75 per cent have more or less serious physical defects. The greatest number have defective teeth, this condition being found in more than 60 per cent of all those examined. Nearly 25 per cent have defective eyesight. From 10 to 20 per cent are afflicted with fallen arches, a smaller number suffer from deafness, heart trouble and tuberculosis, while nearly 15 per cent are undernourished. Measures for the correction of these defects are being taken in an increasing number of States and local communities, but a tremendous amount of work and education is still necessary in order to bring parents to realize the necessity for giving such matters serious attention.

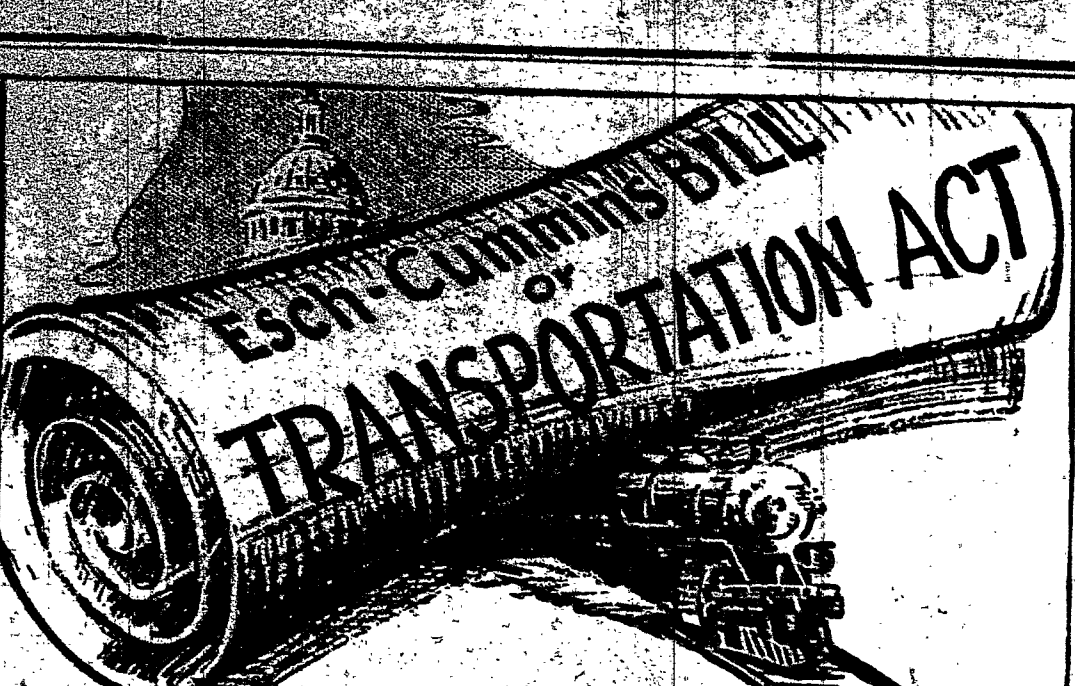
Children have a right to a fair chance in the world, which is impossible under the handicap of a poor physical condition to begin with. Every parent should take this fact to heart and do his utmost to promote the health of his offspring.

IF EDITORS NEVER LIED.

A short time ago a Kentucky editor became tired of being called a liar, so he decided to print one issue containing nothing but the truth. We don't know what became of him the following week, or where he went to when he headed out of Kentucky, but here's what he printed: "John Beenin, laziest merchant in town, was in Beeville Monday." "Tom Coyle, our grocer, has lost most of his trade on account of his store being so musty and dirty." "Dave Conkey died at his home Tuesday. The doctor gave it as heart failure, but whiskey killed him." "Married—Silvia Rhoades and James Collins, Saturday, at the Baptist parsonage, by Rev. Gordon. The bride is an ordinary looking girl with a walk like a duck and absolutely no knowledge of housework. The groom is an up-to-date loafer, has been living off his poor old father and mother all his life and isn't worth the powder and lead it would take to blow his head off."

STOP THIS WASTE.

How many millions of dollars worth of farm implements are now standing exposed to the weather, which might be protected by a little effort on the part of the owners? There is no way of determining the loss suffered by the farmers of the country every year by this neglect to properly care for their farm tools and machinery, but it must be a tremendous sum. While more care is exercised in this respect, that formerly, there is still an enormous waste which should be stopped.



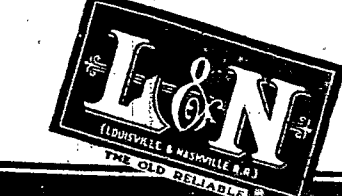
Give The Railroads A Chance To Make Good Under The Transportation Act

Of the large number of legislative measures which will be considered at the coming session of Congress, there are none of more importance to the American people than those affecting the operation of the so-called "Transportation Act".

This act, commonly known as the Esch-Cummins Bill, became a law on February 28, 1920, and the railroads had barely begun to adjust themselves to its regulations when criticisms were directed at the measure and politicians started tinkering with its provisions.

There are many bills pending in Congress designed to repeal or modify important parts of this act, notably Section 15 (a). In this much-discussed section of the law Congress prescribes what the courts had already decided, that since the Government had taken from the railroads the power to make rates, the Government must itself make rates that would produce a fair return upon the value of the property used for transportation purposes. Anything short of this would be confiscation, and hence unconstitutional. Under this arrangement the Commission fixes the value of the property, fixes what is a fair return (at present 5 1/2 per cent has been designated) and fixes the rates themselves. How else could the interest of the public be more perfectly protected?

So far under this law, the railroads have not in any year earned as much as the rate of return fixed by the Commission. They are desirous, however, of giving the law a fair trial, but the political agitators, never satisfied, are not willing to do this.



Give The Act A Chance To Demonstrate Its Utility.

"IT AIN'T GOIN' TO RAIN NO MOAH!"

The man who wrote that popular song didn't live in this neck of the woods, or he would have known that the fall rainy season is due to start pretty soon. Leaves are commencing to drop. Cooler weather is just a few weeks off. Winter will be here again before you know it.

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Upon examining a watch that had stopped, a watchmaker of Goldsboro, N. C., found a boll weevil in the works.

Participants in a crap game at a club in Niagara Falls, N. Y., were held up and robbed of \$77,000 by two masked men.

